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1. CONTRARY EXPECTATION MOST INFORMED SOURCES, SOCIALIST PARTY'S QUOTE NO UNQUOTE TO FANFANI QUOTE ULTIMATUM UNQUOTE DID NOT MARK IMMEDIATE END OF EFFORTS TO RECONSTITUTE FOUR-PARTY CENTER LEFT. PERSONAL INTERVENTION BY PRI LEADER LAMALFA WITH BOTH FANFANI AND SOCIALIST SECRETARY DEMARTINO, AS WELL AS OF STRONG SUPPORTERS OF FORMULA IN BOTH SOCIALIST AND DC PARTIES, PRECIPITATED ANOTHER HURRIED ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FANFANI, THIS TIME ACCOMPANIED BY HIS OWN PARTY'S DELEGATION, AND EACH OF THE OTHER THREE CENTER-LEFT PARTIES. CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED THIS AFTERNOON. IN WORDS OF MEMBER OF PRI DELEGATION, WHICH MET LAST WITH FANFANI: QUOTE ATMOSPHERE HAS IMPROVED, BUT NOTHING HAS YET BEEN RESOLVED UNQUOTE. SOCIALIST SECRETARIAT IS MEETING AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, PARTY MOST OPPOSED TO POLITICAL CONCESSIONS TO SOCIALISTS, WILL MEET AGAIN WITH FANFANI THIS EVENING.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT FANFANI WAS ON VERGE OF GOING TO PRESIDENT LEONE LAST NIGHT TO REPORT FAILURE IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO RECONSTITUTE CENTER-LEFT. THEY INDICATE FANFANI WAS DIS-SUADED AT EVENING MEETING OF DC LEADERS IN WHICH PARTY LEFT WING AND PICCOLI-RUMOR-TAVIANI FACTION INSISTED THAT HE CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS, SUPPORTED BY A DELEGATION REPRESENTING MAJOR PARTY GROUPINGS.

3. COMMENT: CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SLIGHTLY CHANCES THAT CENTER-LEFT FORMULA MAY YET BE RESUSCITATED. NEVERTHELESS, CHANCES REMAIN LESS THAN EVEN. NEXT HOPEFUL SIGN, IF IT COMES, WOULD BE CONVENING OF JOINT FOUR-PARTY NEGOTIATING SESSION. VOLPE

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